



APPROVED GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

At 9:00 A.M., Hicham Eltal welcomed those present and called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Roll call showed the following MIUGSA Representatives present:

Name	Organization
Hicham Eltal (Chair)	Merced Irrigation District
Ken Elwin	City of Merced
Justin Vinson	City of Atwater
Carlos Valencia	Winton Water and Sanitary District (CSD)
Cynthia Benavidez	Le Grand Community Services District (CSD)

The following MIUGSA Representatives were absent:

Name	Organization
Jose Antonio Ramirez	City of Livingston
Daniel Chavez	Planada Community Services District (CSD)

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Eltal reminded the Board of a presentation received by Darren Cordova with MBK, and the discussion regarding preparation and submission of a single application for supplemental water from flood flows from Merced River and local creeks within the basin.

Chairman Eltal indicated that MID currently has existing water rights to certain creeks in addition to the Merced River and has historically made use thereof. He stated that the place of use in the application included the entire cultivated areas in the Merced Groundwater Basin and portions of Turlock and Chowchilla groundwater basins. Chairman Eltal reported that the cost for submission of the water rights application by MID was approximately \$550,000.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Meeting Minutes: December 11, 2019

On motion by Ken Elwin (City of Merced), seconded by Cynthia Benavidez (Le Grand CSD) the Board unanimously approved the minutes as written.

REPORTS

Matthew Beaman, Merced Irrigation District, Water Resources Water Regulatory Engineer reported that the GSP is complete, however has yet to be submitted. DWR would like the GSA's to transfer CASGEM data to the new SGMA database prior to submission of the GSP. Woodard & Curran are working on DWR's request and continue to anticipate timely submission of the GSP.

Mr. Beaman provided a status update on the MIUGSA rate study and agreement. MID is working with Hansford Economic Consulting and a draft task order has been sent to each member agency for review. Feedback from the member agencies should be provided by January 10, 2020. However, provided no comments are received by January 10, 2020, in order to stay on track with the rate study timeline, the draft task order may be moved forward.

ACTIONS

Mr. Beaman presented and discussed proposed amendments to the October 9, 2017 Agreement between MIUGSA, MSGSA, and TIWD GSA-1 and Woodard & Curran, Inc. Annual reports are to be submitted to DWR by April 1st of each year following the adoption of the GSP. The first (2019) report is anticipated to be more involved and covering multiple years (2015-2019). The proposed amendment would allow for the preparation of the 2019 report on behalf of the GSA's. The estimated cost for preparation of the annual report and associated tasks is approximately \$148,000. Mr. Beaman discussed cost share amongst the member agencies if approved. Mr. Beaman indicated that Woodard & Curran also proposed additional optional tasks, which are not currently included in the draft amendment. Additional tasks proposed by Woodard and Curran will be discussed in further detail at a subsequent meeting.

Upon further discussion, Ken Elwin (City of Merced) made a motion to authorize amendments to the existing contract with Woodard & Curran, seconded by Carlos Valencia (Winton Water and Sanitary District); the Board unanimously approved the motion. The vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Eltal, Elwin, Vinson, Valencia, Benavidez
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Ramirez, Chavez

BUSINESS FROM THE BOARD

Chairman Eltal indicated that Merced Integrated Water Resources Management Authority may have funding available under the Disadvantaged Community Involvement fund that may be used to work with Self-help Enterprises for the purpose of surveying domestic wells. The funds are expected to be discussed at the upcoming Coordinating Committee meeting.

Chairman Eltal discussed anticipated future meetings for the Ad-hoc, Coordination and Stakeholder Committee's.

CLOSED SESSSION

None.

ADJOURN

Cynthia Benavidez (Le Grand CSD) made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Ken Elwin (City of Merced) seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:48AM.